

(3) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 41 is amended by striking the item relating to section 4111.

SEC. 6. EVALUATION CENTERS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAMS.

(a) EVALUATION CENTERS.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall support the continuation within the Department of Veterans Affairs of at least one center for evaluation to monitor the structure, process, and outcome of programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs that address homeless veterans.

(b) ANNUAL PROGRAM ASSESSMENT.—Section 2034(b), as transferred and redesignated by section 5(b)(1), is amended—

(1) by inserting “annual” in paragraph (1) after “to make an”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(6) The Secretary shall review each annual assessment under this subsection and shall consolidate the findings and conclusions of each such assessment into the next annual report submitted to Congress under section 2065 of this title.”.

SEC. 7. STUDY OF OUTCOME EFFECTIVENESS OF GRANT PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS VETERANS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall conduct a study of the effectiveness during fiscal year 2002 through fiscal year 2004 of the grant program under section 2061 of title 38, United States Code, as added by section 5(a), in meeting the needs of homeless veterans with special needs (as specified in that section). As part of the study, the Secretary shall compare the results of programs carried out under that section, in terms of veterans’ satisfaction, health status, reduction in addiction severity, housing, and encouragement of productive activity, with results for similar veterans in programs of the Department or of grant and per diem providers that are designed to meet the general needs of homeless veterans.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than March 31, 2005, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives a report setting forth the results of the study under subsection (a).

SEC. 8. EXPANSION OF OTHER PROGRAMS.

(a) ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.—Section 1706 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c) The Secretary shall ensure that each primary care health care facility of the Department develops and carries out a plan to provide mental health services, either through referral or direct provision of services, to veterans who require such services.”.

(b) COMPREHENSIVE HOMELESS SERVICES PROGRAM.—Subsection (b) of section 2033, as transferred and redesignated by section 5(b)(1), is amended—

(1) by striking “not fewer” in the first sentence and all that follows through “services) at”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new sentence: “The Secretary shall carry out the program under this section in sites in at least each of the 20 largest metropolitan statistical areas.”.

(c) ACCESS TO SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES.—Section 1720A is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(d)(1) The Secretary shall ensure that each medical center of the Department develops and carries out a plan to provide treatment for substance use disorders, either through referral or direct provision of services, to veterans who require such treatment.

“(2) Each plan under paragraph (1) shall make available clinically proven substance abuse treatment methods, including opioid substitution therapy, to veterans with respect to whom a qualified medical professional has determined such treatment methods to be appropriate.”.

SEC. 9. COORDINATION OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES.

(a) DISABLED VETERANS’ OUTREACH PROGRAM.—Section 4103A(c) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(11) Coordination of employment services with training assistance provided to veterans by entities receiving funds under section 2021 of this title.”.

(b) LOCAL VETERANS’ EMPLOYMENT REPRESENTATIVES.—Section 4104(b) is amended—

(1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph (11);

(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (12) and inserting “; and”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(13) coordinate employment services with training assistance provided to veterans by entities receiving funds under section 2021 of this title.”.

SEC. 10. USE OF REAL PROPERTY.

(a) LIMITATION ON DECLARING PROPERTY EXCESS TO THE NEEDS OF THE DEPARTMENT.—Section 8122(d) is amended by inserting before the period at the end the following: “and is not suitable for use for the provision of services to homeless veterans by the Department or by another entity under an enhanced-use lease of such property under section 8162 of this title”.

(b) WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCESS FOR ENHANCED-USE LEASES FOR PROPERTIES USED TO SERVE HOMELESS VETERANS.—Section 8162(b)(1) is amended—

(1) by inserting “(A)” after “(b)(1)”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) In the case of a property that the Secretary determines is appropriate for use as a facility to furnish services to homeless veterans under chapter 20 of this title, the Secretary may enter into an enhanced-use lease with a provider of homeless services without regard to the selection procedures required under subparagraph (A).”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (b) shall apply to leases entered into on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 11. MEETINGS OF INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESS.

Section 202(c) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11312(c)) is amended to read as follows:

“(c) MEETINGS.—The Council shall meet at the call of its Chairperson or a majority of its members, but not less often than annually.”.

SEC. 12. RENTAL ASSISTANCE VOUCHERS FOR HUD VETERANS AFFAIRS SUPPORTED HOUSING PROGRAM.

Section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(19) RENTAL VOUCHERS FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS SUPPORTED HOUSING PROGRAM.—

“(A) SET ASIDE.—Subject to subparagraph (C), the Secretary shall set aside, from amounts made available for rental assistance under this subsection, the amounts specified in subparagraph (B) for use only for providing such assistance through a supported housing program administered in conjunction with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Such program shall provide rental assistance on behalf of homeless veterans

who have chronic mental illnesses or chronic substance use disorders, shall require agreement of the veteran to continued treatment for such mental illness or substance use disorder as a condition of receipt of such rental assistance, and shall ensure such treatment and appropriate case management for each veteran receiving such rental assistance.

“(B) AMOUNT.—The amount specified in this subparagraph is—

“(i) for fiscal year 2003, the amount necessary to provide 500 vouchers for rental assistance under this subsection;

“(ii) for fiscal year 2004, the amount necessary to provide 1,000 vouchers for rental assistance under this subsection;

“(iii) for fiscal year 2005, the amount necessary to provide 1,500 vouchers for rental assistance under this subsection; and

“(iv) for fiscal year 2006, the amount necessary to provide 2,000 vouchers for rental assistance under this subsection.

“(C) FUNDING THROUGH INCREMENTAL ASSISTANCE.—In any fiscal year, to the extent that this paragraph requires the Secretary to set aside rental assistance amounts for use under this paragraph in an amount that exceeds the amount set aside in the preceding fiscal year, such requirement shall be effective only to such extent or in such amounts as are or have been provided in appropriation Acts for such fiscal year for incremental rental assistance under this subsection.”.

SA 2309. Mr. THOMPSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3338, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VIII of division A, add the following:

SEC. 8135. Of the amount appropriated by title III of this division under the heading “OTHER PROCUREMENT ARMY”, \$4,892,000 shall be used for the Communicator Automated Emergency Notification System of the Army National Guard.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 6, 2001, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the nomination of Mr. J. Joseph Grandmaison, of New Hampshire, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States; and Mr. Kenneth M. Donohue, of Virginia, to be inspector general of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet

on Thursday, December 6, 2001, at 9:30 a.m. on corporate average fuel economy reform (CAFÉ).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND
TRANSPORTATION

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, December 6, 2001, at 2:30 p.m. on the nominations of Jeffrey Shane (DOT) and Emil Frankel to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation Policy (DOT).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, December 6 at 9:30 a.m. To conduct a hearing. The committee will receive testimony on the negotiations for renewing the Compact of Free Association.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, December 6, 2001 at 10:30 a.m. to hold a hearing titled, "The Future of Afghanistan".

Agenda

WITNESSES

Panel 1: The Honorable Christina Rocca, Assistant Secretary for South Asia Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC; and the Honorable Richard Haass, Director of Policy Planning, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC.

Panel 2: Mr. Thomas E. Gouttierre, Dean of International Studies and Director of the Center for Afghanistan Studies, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Nebraska; and Ms. Fatima Gailani, Advisor, National Islamic Front of Afghanistan, Providence, RI.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, December 6, 2001 at 9 a.m. to hold a hearing entitled "Weak Links: Assessing the Vulnerability of U.S. Ports and Whether the Government is Adequately Structured to Safeguard Them."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Department of Justice Oversight: Preserving Our Freedoms while Defending Against Terrorism" on Thursday, December 6, 2001 at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Room 106. Witness: The Honorable John Ashcroft, United States Attorney General, Department of Justice, Washington, DC.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. INOUE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Duane Seward of Senator KENNEDY's office, Douglas Jackson of my staff, and John Kem, an intern on the Appropriations Committee staff, be granted floor privileges during consideration of the Defense appropriations bill for the fiscal year 2002.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. STEVENS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that John Kem, Kraig Siracuse, Sid Ashworth, Alycia Farrell, and Andrew Givens of the Appropriations Committee staff, and Mark Robbins of my staff, be granted floor privileges during consideration of H.R. 3338.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. STEVENS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Senator MCCAIN's legislative fellow, Navy LCDR Dell Bull, be granted floor privileges during consideration of the National Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Peter Winokur, a congressional fellow in my office, be allowed floor privileges during consideration of the National Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. INOUE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that David Dorsey and David Bowen of Senator KENNEDY's office and Susan Seaman of Senator MIKULSKI's office be granted floor privileges during the consideration of this measure.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 570 and 571; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to

reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements thereon be printed in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Mark W. Olson, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 1996.

Susan Schmidt Bies, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 1998.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

AMENDING THE CHARTER OF
SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY OF
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 245, H.R. 2061.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2061) to amend the charter of Southeastern University of the District of Columbia.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements related thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 2061) was read the third time and passed.

HONORING DR. JAMES HARVEY
EARLY

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 1714, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1714) to provide for the installation of a plaque to honor Dr. James Harvey Early in the Williamsburg, Kentucky Post Office Building.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times, passed, the motion to